



City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

* Prior to the Regular Council Meeting, at 6:00 pm a quorum of Council Members may or may not attend a social gathering. No
* action of the City Council will take place at this gathering. Council Chambers will be open to the public.
* No action was taken at this social gathering.

A. CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM

Announced the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Outgoing Mayor, Jerrell Baley
 Mayor Elect, Janet Nichol
 Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
 Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis, Mayor Pro Tem
 Outgoing Council Member Place 3, Bill Bell
 Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
 Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
 Council Member Place 5, James Branch
 Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsbrook
 City Secretary, Brenda Craft
 City Attorney, Jason Day
 Interim City Secretary, Kandi Jackson
 CDC Administrative Asst., Tonya Brown
 Ex. Director of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
 Ex. Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott
 Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
 Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
 Director of Public Works: Dario Lopez
 Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
 Human Resources Director, Tauna Ratliff
 Main Street Director, Paula Morris

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Mayor Elect Janet Nichol

C. OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office given to Janet Nichol, Mayor, Charles Houk, Council Member Place 1, Bruce Bradley, Council Member Place 3 and James Branch, Council Member Place 5 by City Secretary Brenda Craft.

After the oaths were given Jerrell Baley passed the gavel to Mayor Janet Nichol. A presentation was given to outgoing Mayor Jerrell Baley for his service to the citizens of Royse City.

Mayor Nichol: Announced changes going forward: 1) Voting will go by seating order instead of City Council Place Order, 2) Business items will be read aloud by City Secretary, Brenda Craft, 3) Mayor Nichol will ask for a motion to discuss business items; if no motion is made, the item will not be discussed, 4) Citizen participation will be open not only to residents within the city limits, but will also include anyone with a business in Royse City or within our ETJ.

D. APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM

1. Consider and act concerning appointment of Mayor Pro Tem, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Crowley, second by Council Member Wheatley to appoint Clay Ellis as Mayor Pro Tem. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstention.**

E. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

This Period is reserved for citizens to bring forward to council items of interest, (persons may have three (3) minutes to address the council) however, by law, no action or discussion may be taken on these items. Council may only respond with specific factual information, recite existing policy, direct citizen to city staff or have the item placed on a future agenda.

Russ Flanigan: Big trucks going down Amy Dr. causing damage when they should be going down Welch, possibly Old Dominion Truck.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

All items under Consent Agenda Minutes are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. City Council Minutes: Min 3-10-15 6p Called Jt CC and PZ Comp Plan.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstention.**

G. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing Jim Mellody to North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors representing the City of Royse City, for a term beginning June 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2017, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ellis, second by Council Member James Branch to appoint Jim Mellody to North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors representing the City of Royse City, for a term beginning June 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2017. **7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstention.**

2. Declaration of removing drought three restrictions, drought threat will be lowered to stage 1 and all customers will be able to water twice per week, continuing with NO watering between 10am and 6pm, and any matters related thereto.

No action necessary. Information only.

3. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance amending Article 13.10.106(a)(2) – Drought Stage 1 Water Watch, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Day: No drought at this time. Conservation only between 10am and 6pm.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to approve an Ordinance amending Article 13.10.106(a)(2) – Drought Stage 1 Water Watch. **7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstention.**

4. Consider and act concerning a date for the first budget workshop regarding FY 2016 Budget priorities (preliminary Assessed Values received), and any matters related thereto.

Ms. Raymond: Proposing two budget workshops to be in a range from July 30th through August 8th, certified rolls are not complete and delivered to cities before July 25th of each year. More workshops if necessary. **7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstention.**

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Wheatley to set a range of budget workshops for the FY 2016 budget from July 30th through August 8th with more workshops as necessary.

5. Discussion concerning update on mosquitos, and any matters related thereto. (Sponsored by Council Member Crowley)

Mr. Alsabrook: Steps for controlling mosquitos – 1) Increase number of traps set, 2) Send trapped mosquitos to state for testing, 3) Do not spray indiscriminately, and 4) If test is positive for West Nile, spraying will occur within a one-mile radius.

6. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update:

Development: weather permitting concrete poured for Charlie's. Charlie's hosting ground breaking ceremony. Invitations to be sent out to council.

KidFish at City Lake Park May 30th: 9am to 12am

Post Main St. Clean-Up: May 3rd, very successful

Post Car Show: Extremely Successful

Spring Clean-Up May 14, 15 and 16 at Walker Hawk: 1pm-7pm Thursday and Friday, 8am -5pm Saturday, or until dumpsters are full.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Nichol: First Meeting in June before the Regular Council Meeting: workshop to discuss streets in Old Town.

I. ADJOURNED AT 7:45PM

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to adjourn at 7:45 pm. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

ATTEST:


Brenda Craft, City Secretary


Janet Nichol, Mayor